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- 2. (Amended) A method of automatically inserting hyperlinks into a document, comprising:
 - a step for searching one or more documents for content [matching predefined] <u>having one</u>
 <u>or more predefined</u> forms;
 - a step for <u>automatically</u> marking one or more portions of one or more of the <u>searched</u>
 documents based on results of searching the one or more documents <u>for content</u>
 <u>having the predefined forms</u>; and
 - a step for generating one or more hyperlinks, with each hyperlink having a format based the content of the one or more marked portions of the documents.
- 3. (Amended) A computer system comprising:
 - means for searching one or more documents for content matching <u>one or more</u> predefined forms;
 - means for <u>automatically</u> marking one or more portions of one or more of the <u>searched</u>
 documents based on results of searching the one or more documents <u>for content</u>
 having the one or more predefined forms; and
 - means for generating one or more hyperlinks, with each hyperlink having a format based the content of the one or more marked portions of the documents.
- 4. (Amended) A computer system comprising:
 - a processor;
 - a memory coupled to the processor, with the memory storing;
 - a first set of instructions for searching one or more documents for content

 [matching predefined] <u>having one or more predefined</u> forms;
 - a second set of instructions for <u>automatically</u> marking one or more portions of one or more of the <u>searched</u> documents based on results of searching the one or more documents <u>for content having the one or more predefined forms</u>; and
 - a third set of instructions for generating one or more hyperlinks, with each hyperlink including at least a portion of the content of one or more of the marked portions of the documents.

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- 5. (Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising:
 - a first set of instructions for searching one or more documents for content

 [matching] <u>having one or more</u> predefined forms;
 - a second set of instructions for <u>automatically</u> marking one or more portions of one or more of the <u>searched</u> documents based on results of searching the one or more documents <u>for content having the one or more predefined forms</u>; and a third set of instructions for generating one or more hyperlinks, with each hyperlink having a format based on the content of the one or more marked portions of the documents.
- 6. (Amended) An automated method of defining hyperlinks for a document, comprising:

 automatically marking one or more portions of the document; and

 defining one or more hyperlinks for one or more of the marked portions of the document,

 with each hyperlink including at least a portion of one of the marked portions of
 the document.
- 14. (Amended) A method of defining hyperlinks in a computer system, comprising: providing one or more user preferences; automatically marking a portion of a first document; defining a hyperlink to point to one of at least two or more destinations based on one or more of the provided user preferences; and associating the defined hyperlink with the marked portion of the first document.
- 17. (Amended) A method of automatically inserting hyperlinks into a document, comprising: searching one or more documents;

 automatically marking one or more portions of one or more of the documents based on

results of searching the one or more documents; and

generating one or more hyperlinks, with each hyperlink including at least a portion of one of the marked portions.